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This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

Contingent IDS Request Under Rule 97(d): Should a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance issue with a mailing date which precedes or is the same as the filing date of this IDS, please consider this a Request under Rule 97(d), charge the IDS fee (Rule 17(p)) to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 41194/271727, and proceed to consider this IDS under Rule 97(d).

Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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